

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

White House Has Many Military and Naval Aids

WASHINGTON.—When President Wilson marched down the grand stairway at the White House to preside at the first state reception of this winter he was preceded by the longest line of military and naval aids ever seen there. When the four buglers of the Marine band approached the foot of the steps to sound the usual fanfare for the approach of the president and his cabinet 14 officers in full uniform of blue and gold lent luster to the event.

President Wilson had 13 aids during his first winter in the White House, and it is rather significant that he has added another aid. It is suggested that the superstition of a fair Virginia woman had something to do with the change.

Col. W. W. Harts, engineer corps, U. S. A., superintendent of public buildings and grounds and the Washington monument, is at the head of the list as chief military aid.

Commander Daniel W. Wurtsbaugh, U. S. N., is the chief naval aid. Considerable jealousy has existed in past years as to which should have the greater number of representatives on the distinguished list, the army or the navy, and to settle the affair justly President Wilson has both branches of the fighting contingent equally represented.

Guinea Hen Entertains a Crowd in Washington

SOMEWHERE in this wide and expansive city a lone guinea hen is at large, unless she has been trapped by a wily huntsman from the frontier of the District. The hen gave an audience of four or five hundred people a grand afternoon, and as a consistent and entertaining performer the little squawking fowl had many another matinee queen looking faded.

She reached the city in a coop along with several other guinea hens, and was given a prominent position on the sidewalk in the market house region. At some time during the mid-afternoon the hen saw an opening for a bright young fowl and slipped through. As she wriggled out to freedom the boss saw her and gave chase, but the hen flew shrieking to the top of a wagon, where the boss couldn't climb on account of his roly-poly shape.

He detailed a shuffe-footed colored boy to the chase. The boy took a long pole with a wire hook at one end and began to fish for the bird. The pole stirred up the guinea fowl and sent her to the boughs of a tree.

With pole in hand the boy shinned the tree, while the guinea fowl kept one eye on him and edged out to the end of her bough as the pole and wire hook came nearer. The crowd was highly appreciative and began to shout directions. The pole got within six inches of the bird, the boy nearly dived through the tree to the sidewalk and the guinea sailed flapping and squawking to a higher limb.

"Ise goin' ter git dat baby yit," murmured the colored boy, as he prepared to climb higher.

The limb sagged, the bird yelled again and flew to another tree, while the huntsman again all but fell headlong to the sidewalk.

All bets in the crowd below were now on the bird. She was a prime favorite and the boy was but an object of derision.

The colored boy slid down to the ground and cautiously attacked the next tree. The hen was far up near the top and awaiting the enemy with complacency. She had found a method of eluding the pursuer and seemed ready to adopt that course until nightfall.

And that is exactly what she did. As soon as the boy got into that tree, the bird flew into another, and so forth and so on, and at the time dusk fell the bird was sleeping somewhere in the open, with her head under her wing.

Uncle Sam Educating the Country Schoolmarm

BECAUSE "the future greatness of the American nation depends in large measure upon the prosperity of the 50,000,000 men, women and children in its rural communities," the federal education bureau has started to educate the country schoolmarm, so she can educate the 50,000,000 in her little red schoolhouse, which is intended to equip them to become prosperous.

Every state, county, township and village in the country and the National Education association are helping Uncle Sam in this education of educators, with a view to ultimate national prosperity.

The first step in this campaign was the organization of the National Rural Teachers' Reading circle, through the co-operation of the National Education association and state departments of public instruction. H. W. Foght, specialist in rural school practice, is directing the work from the bureau of education. Branches have been organized in 34 states, giving an opportunity to 250,000 rural school-teachers to have a part in this work.

A two years' reading course of nonprofessional books of culture value, educational classics, general principles and methods of education, rural education and rural life problems, has been outlined. Those who give satisfactory evidence of having read intelligently 17 books from the lists given will be awarded a "With Honor" certificate, signed by the United States education commissioner and the state school officials.

Navy Yard Wind Tunnel Tests Model Aircraft

THE largest plant in the world for aeronautical experiments is at the Washington navy yard and is known as the wind tunnel. The scheme was worked out by navy designers, and a huge weight-carrying biplane soon to be constructed at the yard will be built on data gathered from the tests made in the big wooden box, where an 80-mile gale can be created and its effect upon the planes of a proposed aircraft can be weighed to within 1-2,000 of a pound.

The present tunnel is a temporary one, and navy officers hope that congress will authorize the construction of a permanent aeroplane experiment plant when the value of the scheme is fully realized. The tunnel is eight feet square inside and at one end is an electric fan, driven by a 500-horse power motor. At the opposite end are baffles, or carefully built apertures to allow the blasts created by the fan to escape without generating any back pressure to destroy the value of the experiment.

Coming down through the roof of the tunnel is a metal lever, to which are attached the model planes to be tested. These are about a foot long, representing the full sweep of a 60-foot lifting surface. They are modeled in exact reproduction of the real planes and can be set at any angle. Above the tunnel is the weighing machine, an intricate system of levers and fulcrums, leading finally to the indicator needle, swaying along a graduated quadrant, where the divisions are so minute that they must be read with a magnifying glass. The mechanism is so delicately adjusted that a pressure of 1-2,000 part of a pound will be noted by the vibrations of the needle.

When the plane model to be tested has been set, the big fan is started and a wind force is developed in the tunnel that can be increased or decreased at will. Step by step the operator notes the weights shown by the scale for winds of various intensity and with the plane set at various angles. From his data he then plots the curve of the lifting power of the plane and the power necessary to drive an aircraft equipped with planes of that type at any desired speed. The results also will show the surface friction of the air against various kinds of material used in plane construction.

WILSON WEDDING A FAMILY AFFAIR

Ceremony at Galt Home Marked by Simplicity.

DETAILS ARE KEPT SECRET

Only Relatives of President and His Bride Are Present—Start on Honey-moon Trip to South—Try to Avoid Crowds.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In the presence of relatives only, President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were quietly and simply wedded this evening in the parlors of the bride's unpretentious home at 1308 Twentieth street. There was no fuss and feathers, and official and social circles must wait for tomorrow's newspapers before they know how it all came about. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo was the lone official present and he was there simply as Mr. Wilson's son-in-law.

Miss Bertha Bolling of this city attended her sister, the bride, and a small orchestra from the Marine band furnished the nuptial music. The bride wore a dark traveling costume and carried a huge bouquet of orchids. She met the bridegroom at the foot of the broad stairway in her home and together they went slowly to the altar of flowers erected at the east end of the parlors. The president placed on her third left-hand finger a plain gold circlet engraved with her initials and his own. The ceremony was the utmost in simplicity and taste—in keeping with the best American traditions.

Keep Hour a Secret.

In order to avoid the crowds of curious folk in Washington the hour of the wedding was kept secret until late in the day. The plan worked with fair success and the police had no trouble

upon, and for years she has been known as the most perfectly gowned woman in Washington, both because she has exquisite taste and because she has plenty of means to follow her taste in dress. Her gowns have always been chosen with rare care and she bought much from the fashionable costumers in Paris, where she was a frequent visitor before the war.

Those who are in a position to know say the bride spent several months in the preparation of her trousseau, being aided in this important labor by her mother, who also is a woman of extraordinary discernment. It was all complete, 'tis whispered, two weeks before the date of the wedding. Some controversy arose as to the origin of the gowns and frocks and linens and laces. There were stories to the effect that French supply houses balked at furnishing anything through the medium of German-American middlemen. Most of the stories were baseless, he it said truthfully, for the bride's wedding outfit was almost entirely of American origin.

Orchids Her Favorite.

Dark green and orchid are the predominating hues in the trousseau gowns, for orchids are the new Mrs. Wilson's favorite flowers. There are traveling gowns, street frocks and evening gowns of amazing loveliness which will be seen much this winter, for the White House is to be reopened for a series of old-time entertainments. The four great official receptions, which were omitted last winter, will be resumed, and there will be matinee teas and frequent musicales.

Mr. Wilson is the sixth president of the United States to marry a widow.

Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Fillmore and Benjamin Harrison were his predecessors in this sort of a union, but in not more than one or two cases was the widow the second wife—as in this case. John Tyler and Theodore Roosevelt married twice, but their second wives had not been wedded before.

It is scarcely necessary to recall George Washington's marriage. The world knows of his courtship, engagement and espousal. His love was the "Widow Custis." Thomas Jefferson, at the home of a friend, John Wayles, met Martha Skelton, Wayles' widowed

FOR FUN IN LODGE ROOM

Electric "Goat" Has Been Devised to Furnish Amusement to Members Inclined to Levity.

An electric "goat" for lodgerooms receives the second prize in the Electrical Experimenters' monthly competition. Its inventor is C. F. Conant, who describes it as follows:

Drive four small wire brads (a) into the under side of chair seat, letting just the points appear on the upper side of seat. With a fine nail set drive them back so that they remain just below the surface.

Fasten a small induction coil (c) and a battery (b) under the seat, soldering the secondary wires (f) to the ends of the brads (a). The parts of the switch (d) can be made from small strips of brass or copper, and screwed to the back of chair, as shown.

Run the wires (e) down the back of chair to coil and battery, keeping them out of sight as much as possible. The switch (d) is concealed by a pad or drape of some kind thrown over the back of the chair, as aforementioned, and the chair is ready for the first victim. When said victim leans back against the switch (d), closing the battery circuit with the coil (c), the fireworks begin. The coil may be a one-fourth to one-half-inch spark coil, and it is well to cover over the bottom and legs of the chair with cloth, etc.

TO LIGHT MATCH IN WIND

Not Such a Difficult Matter If One Knows the Right Way to Go About It.

To light a match in a stiff wind is very easy if the wood part back of the prepared end is cut and turned up about it before striking the match, writes E. K. Marshall of Oak Park, Ill., to Popular Mechanics. The curled up shavings about the striker will catch fire easily and hold a flame, where in the ordinary way it is easily blown out when the composition of the striker has burned up.

New Zealand Victoria Cross.

New Zealand has its own Victoria Cross—one of the rarest medals ever awarded "for Valor." This cross is very similar to the one so much coveted by the officers and men of the British army and navy. The center, however, bears the wording "New Zealand," instead of "For Valor," and has no lion. This medal was instituted in 1869 by the governor of New Zealand, Sir G. F. Bowen. He exceeded his authority in doing so, but Queen Victoria signed the necessary order for the medals, adding a note, however, that it was not to be taken as a precedent. Altogether only 19 of these crosses were awarded.

Kindly Consideration.

"What is your objection to me for a son-in-law?" asked the energetic young man.

"I don't object to you," replied Mr. Cumrox. "If I seem kind of diffident when you are around, it's because I like you. I'm just wondering how it's going to be when mother and the girls quit welcoming you as a distinguished visitor and begin to treat you like one of the family."

Word of Encouragement.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I'm so glad that you have gone in for marksmanship instead of horse races. It's much more patriotic."

"What're you talking about now?" "Your recreations. You don't know how pleased I was to hear you say that hereafter you weren't going to bet on anything but long shots."

Essential Endeavor.

"Do you think there is any way of bringing your constituents around to your way of thinking?"

"My way of thinking hasn't anything to do with it," replied Senator Sorghum. "My job is to keep up with their way of thinking and see if I can change my mind every time the majority change theirs."

Rebuffed.

"I hope you are prepared to discount the foibles of humanity and look for the good beneath the surface," remarked the altruist.

"Oh, yes," replied the man whose curiosity is never satisfied, "but every time I ask people a few simple questions they act as if they thought it was none of my business."

Explained.

"Women step off a street car and apparently pay no attention to where they are going," growled the cynical observer.

"You are wrong, my friend," answered his fellow strap-hanger. "As a matter of fact, they are thinking so hard about the places they are going to that they forget where they are."

"Doubling Up."

"The Twebblers say they are living very simply now."

"Oh, they have merely reduced the number of their servants."

"But it must be so. Why, I've actually seen their chauffeur raking leaves on the lawn."

COULD MAKE HUBBY USEFUL

Mrs. Torkins Has a Bright Idea for Use in Event Her Cause Was Defeated.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I don't want you to worry about our votes for women campaign."

"I'm not going to." "But I want you to be prepared to lift your voice in case it is needed. I realize that there are incidents of political responsibility which woman with her refined sensibilities is unable to meet."

"Is that so?"

"Yes. You remember how disappointed I was at the result in New Jersey. When I mentioned it to you you dismissed the matter with a profane expletive."

"I apologize."

"Don't. I've invited our club to be here on Wednesday morning to hear how well you can talk about it in case we're defeated on Tuesday."—Washington Star.

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Inspiration.

Lionel was at a matinee with his father, and when a trapeze acrobat failed to catch the object at which he flew through the air and fell sprawling into the net the little boy was greatly excited.

"They are never hurt," explained his father. "It is a regular trick to make such a miss once or twice to give the audience an idea of the difficulty of the feat and thereby intensify the applause when it has been successfully performed."

Lionel thought a moment, and then, with a bright smile, said:

"Papa, do you think I could make a hit with my teacher by following this circus stunt and missing my lessons once in a while?"—Puck.

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No Occasion to Stoop.

"I think you are the man who stole my shirt," said Pat one day when he met a very suspicious looking foreigner knocking about his house. "Do you think I would stoop so low as to take your shirt?" said the stranger. "You hadn't to stoop at all, it was hanging up."

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Scratch.

Tommy and Freddie were arguing hotly. "I tell you," vociferated Tommy, "he is my pa, he is!"

Freddie laughed scornfully. "He ain't either your paw."

"He is—he is! My ma says he is, too."

"And my maw says he's a cat's paw!"—Judge.

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Temperature.

"Do you want a pitcher of ice water?" asked the member of the committee on arrangements.

"Never mind the ice," replied Senator Sorghum. "If the audience is as cold as the one I last addressed the water will probably freeze."

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Too Much Illumination.

"How was it that your wife saw you when you sneaked in, even in the dark?"

"I guess it was because I was all lit up."

Just Staying.

"Where are you living now, Fodgers?"

"Nowhere. Boarding at the same old place."—Browning's Magazine.

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